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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRELIMI DELEGATION TO FINLAND

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MARCELINO DOS SANTOS' SIX-MAN FRELIMO DELEGATION RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION AND HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION DURING APRIL 21-23 VISIT TO HELSINKI. DURING VISIT FINNS ANNOUNCED GRANT OF 300,000 FINNMARKS (\$85,000) TO BE TRANSMITTED TO FRELIMO IN CURRENT BUDGET YEAR THROUGH OAU'S AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE IN DAR ES SALAAM. LAST YEAR FINNS GAVE FRELIMO 100,000 FINNMARKS AS PART OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFRICAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS.

2. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS DOS SANTOS PROJECTED MODERATE IMAGE EMPHASIZING FRELIMO'S STRENGTH IN MAZAMBIQUE AND
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PEACEFUL APPROACH TO INDEPENDENCE. DOS SANTOS SAID

THERE COULD BE NO CONVERSATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL THE VORSTER GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES BASIC RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE. ON OTHER HAND ECONOMIC LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE LONG-STANDING AND FRELIMO CAN ONLY BREAK THEM GRADUALLY.

3. DOS SANTOS MET BOTH PRIME MINISTER SORSA AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LAINE, THE LATTER IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. DISCUSSIONS WITH FRELIMO WERE EXPLORATORY AND MOSTLY FOCUSSED ON AREAS OF CONCENTRATION OF POSSIBLE EXPANDED FINNISH ASSISTANCE. FRELIMO WAS MOST INTERESTED IN AID TO EDUCATION, HEALTH SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

4. BEGIN LOU. SOURCE IN DEVELOPMENT AID DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED PRESS SPECULATION THAT MOZAMBIQUE MAY BE ADDED TO LIST OF FINLAND'S AID CONCENTRATION COUNTRIES. SOURCE SAID DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE POSITIVE. SOURCE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT INITIAL AID LEVELS WOULD BE MODEST. PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED AND FINLAND HAS SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL QUALIFIED IN PORTUGUESE. RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE HANDLED BY FINNISH EMBASSY IN DAR ES SALAAM. THERE ARE NO PLANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR ON-THE-SPOT FINNISH REPRESENTATION. END LOU.
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